

Fishing

The beautiful and scenic Red River and Sulphur Fork Creek drain approximately 975 sq. miles of northern Tennessee. Angling on both rivers is excellent. All persons fishing are required to have a valid Tennessee Fishing License. All laws, rules and regulations pertaining to fishing apply.

Other nearby State Parks

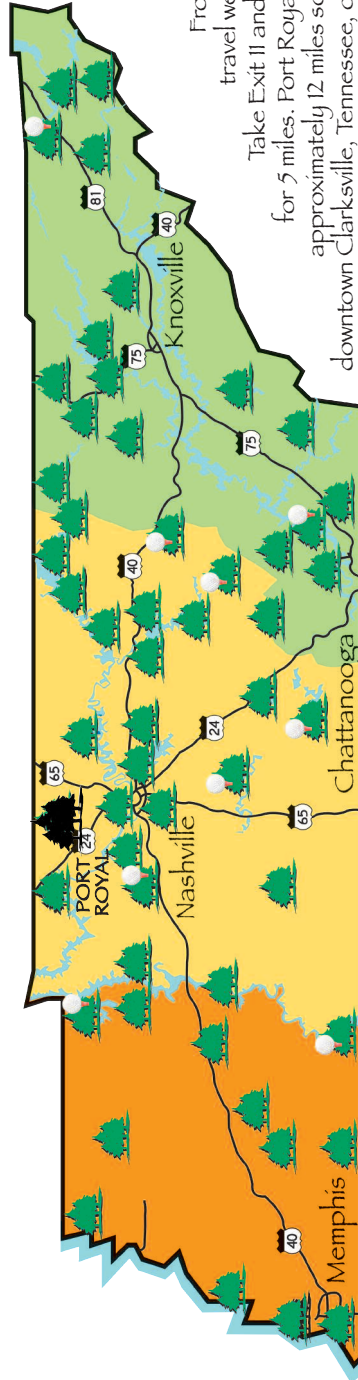
Dunbar Cave, 11 miles



circa 1890



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From Nashville travel west on I-24. Take Exit 11 and travel east for 5 miles. Port Royal is located approximately 12 miles southeast of downtown Clarksville, Tennessee, off Hwy. 76.



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Hours of Operation: The Park is open from 8:00 a.m. until sunset, year-round.

For Further Information, Contact:

Port Royal State Historic Park

3300 Old Clarksville Hwy. Adams, TN 37010

Phone (931) 358-9696 or contact:

Tennessee State Parks / 401 Church St. / 7th floor / Nashville, TN 37243

For a Tennessee State Park Brochure, call (888) 867-2757. For more details about Port

Royal State Historic Park, visit our Web site at www.tnstateparks.com/PortRoyal

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STATE HISTORIC PARK





Port Royal by Lantern

Port Royal

Port Royal was the site of one of the earliest colonial communities and trading posts in middle TN. It was first settled in the early 1780s and had been a Longhunter camp as early as 1775. The town of Port Royal was founded in 1797 and rose to great prominence in the early part of the 19th century because of its strategic location at the head of navigation on the Red River and at a major stagecoach route. Crops of tobacco and other produce were brought via flatboat to Port Royal which served as a central tobacco inspection point and warehouse for the region. Flatboats were also extensively manufactured at Port Royal to take goods to distant points such as New Orleans and Natchez. During much of the 19th century, Port Royal became the only stop in TN on the "Great Western Road" stagecoach route between Nashville, TN and Golconda, IL.

Park Facilities

Port Royal State Historic Park includes ADA accessible restrooms and a four table picnic area with one being wheelchair accessible.

Hiking Trails

The Overlook Trail is a short stroll along the top of the bluff to overlook the Red River and the bottom below. This trail is of moderate difficulty and about 100 yards long.

The Trail of Tears is an original, preserved section of the Trail of Tears certified by the National Park Service. This trail is about 300 yards long and is rated easy.

The River Bottom Trail connects to the Trail of Tears and provides a leisurely walk through a forested river bottom. This trail is .5 miles long and rated easy.

Trail of Tears

Port Royal is designated as an official site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The Trail of Tears commemorates the forced removal of Cherokee from their homelands in the Southeastern United States and the paths they traveled westward in 1838 and 1839. Removal record mentioned Port Royal, the last stop before leaving Tennessee, as an encampment site where the Cherokee stayed overnight or longer to re-supply, grind corn and rest.



The Trail of Tears

Historic Port Royal

As you stroll through the park you will notice the remains of the foundations of stores, homes and warehouses with some dating back to the 18th century. There are wayside interpretive panels to tell you about these remains.

Preserved within the park is a very excellent example of an early Pratt Truss design steel bridge being built in 1890. This bridge spans the Sulphur Fork creek and is well preserved presents a very picturesque view of both the Red River and the Sulphur Fork creek. This bridge is available to foot traffic only.

For more information about the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, visit www.nps.gov/trte.

Annual Event:

'Port Royal by Lantern' is held every October. Take a lantern guided tour through Port Royal's woods and hear stories from some of Port Royal's most famous and infamous residents. Please check with park office for specific dates and times.

